

NOTES ON HYPERSURFACES OF AN ODD-DIMENSIONAL SPHERE

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Dedicated to Professor Y. Muto on his sixtieth birthday

Blair [1, 2, 3, 4, 5], Ki [6], Ludden [1, 2, 3, 4, 5], Okumura [7, 8] and one of the present authors [2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8] started the study of a structure induced on a hypersurface of an almost contact manifold or a submanifold of codimension 2 of an almost complex manifold. When the ambient manifold admits a Riemannian metric, the structure induced is called an (f, g, u, v, λ) -structure [7, 8], where f is a tensor field of type $(1, 1)$, g the induced Riemannian metric, u and v two 1-forms and λ a function.

Since the odd-dimensional sphere S^{2n+1} has an almost contact structure naturally induced from the Kähler structure of Euclidean space E^{2n+2} , a hypersurface immersed in S^{2n+1} admits a so-called (f, g, u, v, λ) -structure.

In [3], Blair, Ludden and one of the present authors proved

THEOREM. *If M^{2n} is a complete orientable hypersurface of S^{2n+1} of constant scalar curvature satisfying $Kf+fK=0$ and $\lambda \neq \text{constant}$, where K is the Weingarten map of the embedding, then M^{2n} is a natural sphere S^{2n} or $M^{2n}=S^n \times S^n$.*

The purpose of the present notes is to show that if M^{2n} is a real analytic complete orientable hypersurface of a unit sphere $S^{2n+1}(1)$ satisfying $Kf+fK=0$ and $\lambda \neq \text{constant}$ and if

$$K_{ji} = \frac{1}{2n} kg_{ji}$$

holds at a point of M^{2n} at which $1-\lambda^2 \neq 0$, K_{ji} and k being the Ricci tensor and the scalar curvature of M^{2n} respectively, then M^{2n} is, provided $n > 1$, either a great sphere $S^{2n}(1)$ or $S^{2n+1}(1)$ or the product of two n -dimensional spheres $S^n(1/\sqrt{2})$ of radius $1/\sqrt{2}$.

§1. Preliminaries.

We consider a $2n$ -dimensional submanifold M^{2n} immersed differentiably in a $(2n+1)$ -dimensional unit sphere $S^{2n+1}(1)$ embedded in a $(2n+2)$ -dimensional Eucli-

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dean space E^{2n+2} and denote by $X: M^{2n} \rightarrow E^{2n+2}$ the immersion of M^{2n} into E^{2n+2} , where X is regarded as the position vector with its initial point at the origin of E^{2n+2} and its terminal point at a point of $X(M^{2n})$. Submanifolds we consider are assumed to be orientable, connected and differentiable and of class C^∞ . Suppose that M^{2n} is covered by a system of coordinate neighborhoods $\{U; x^h\}$, where here and in the sequel the indices h, i, j, \dots run over the range $\{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$, and that M^{2n} is orientable. Then, denoting by C the unit normal $-X$ to S^{2n+1} defined globally along $X(M^{2n})$, we can choose another unit normal D to $X(M^{2n})$ globally along $X(M^{2n})$ in such a way that C and D are mutually orthogonal along $X(M^{2n})$. If we put

$$(1.1) \quad X_i = \partial_i X, \quad \partial_i = \partial / \partial x^i,$$

then components g_{ji} of the induced metric tensor of M^{2n} are given by

$$g_{ji} = X_j \cdot X_i,$$

where the dot denotes the inner product in E^{2n+2} .

We denote by $\{\gamma^h_i\}$ the Christoffel symbols formed with g_{ji} and by ∇ , the operator of covariant differentiation with respect to $\{\gamma^h_i\}$. We then have the equations of Gauss

$$(1.2) \quad \nabla_j X_i = \partial_j X_i - \left\{ \begin{array}{c} h \\ j \quad i \end{array} \right\} X_h = g_{ji} C + k_{ji} D,$$

where k_{ji} are components of the second fundamental tensor with respect to the unit normal D , and the equations of Weingarten

$$(1.3) \quad \nabla_j C = -X_j, \quad \nabla_j D = -k_j^i X_i,$$

where $k_j^i = k_{ji} g^{ti}$ and $(g^{ji}) = (g_{ji})^{-1}$, because the connection $\tilde{\nabla}$ induced in the normal bundle of the submanifold M^{2n} relative to E^{2n+2} is locally flat and C and D are parallel with respect to $\tilde{\nabla}$. We also have the structure equations of the submanifold M^{2n} , i.e., the equations of Gauss

$$(1.4) \quad K_{kji}^h = \partial_k^h g_{ji} - \partial_j^h g_{ki} + k_k^h g_{ji} - k_j^h g_{ki},$$

where

$$K_{kji}^h = \partial_k \left\{ \begin{array}{c} h \\ j \quad i \end{array} \right\} - \partial_j \left\{ \begin{array}{c} h \\ k \quad i \end{array} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{array}{c} h \\ k \quad t \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} t \\ j \quad i \end{array} \right\} - \left\{ \begin{array}{c} h \\ j \quad t \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} t \\ k \quad i \end{array} \right\}$$

are components of the curvature tensor of M^{2n} , and the equations of Codazzi

$$(1.5) \quad \nabla_k k_{ji} - \nabla_j k_{ki} = 0.$$

Now, the $(2n+2)$ -dimensional Euclidean space E^{2n+2} has a natural Kähler structure F , i.e., a tensor field F of type $(1, 1)$ with constant components such that

$$F^2 = -1, \quad (FX) \cdot X = 0, \quad (FX) \cdot (FY) = X \cdot Y$$

for any vector fields X and Y in E^{2n+2} , where 1 denotes the unit tensor of type $(1, 1)$. Thus we can put

$$(1.6) \quad \begin{aligned} FX_i &= f_i^h X_h + u_i C + v_i D, \\ FC &= -u^i X_i + \lambda D, \\ FD &= -v^i X_i - \lambda C, \end{aligned}$$

where f_i^h are components of a tensor field of type $(1, 1)$, u_i and v_i components of 1-forms and λ a function in M^{2n} , u^h and v^h being defined respectively by

$$u^h = g^{ht} u_t, \quad v^h = g^{ht} v_t.$$

From equations (1.6), we find

$$(1.7) \quad \begin{aligned} f_i^t f_i^h &= -\delta_i^h + u_i u^h + v_i v^h, \\ u_i f_j^i &= \lambda v_j, \quad v_i f_j^i = -\lambda u_j, \\ f_i^h u^i &= -\lambda v^h, \quad f_i^h v^i = \lambda u^h, \\ u_i u^i &= v_i v^i = 1 - \lambda^2, \quad u_i v^i = 0, \\ g_{is} f_j^t f_i^s &= g_{ji} - u_j u_i - v_j v_i. \end{aligned}$$

The set of a tensor field f_i^h , a Riemannian metric g_{ji} , two 1-forms u_i and v_i and a function λ is called a (f, g, u, v, λ) -structure in M^{2n} [6, 7, 8], if they satisfy the equations (1.7).

Differentiating (1.6) covariantly and taking account of equations (1.2) of Gauss and equations (1.3) of Weingarten, we find

$$(1.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \nabla_j f_i^h &= -g_{ji} u^h + \delta_j^h u_i - k_{ji} v^h + k_j^h v_i, \\ \nabla_j u_i &= f_{ji} - \lambda k_{ji}, \\ \nabla_j v_i &= -k_{ji} f_i^t + \lambda g_{ji}, \\ \nabla_j \lambda &= -v_j + k_j^t u_t, \end{aligned}$$

where $f_{ji} = f_j^t g_{ti}$ are skew-symmetric [6, 7, 8].

Denoting by M_0 and M_1 the submanifold of M^{2n} defined respectively by

$$M_0 = \{p \in M^{2n} | \lambda(p) \neq 0\}, \quad M_1 = \{p \in M^{2n} | 1 - \lambda(p)^2 \neq 0\},$$

we assume that $M_0 \cap M_1$ is dense in M^{2n} , i.e., that $\lambda(1 - \lambda^2) \neq 0$ holds almost everywhere in M^{2n} .

§ 2. Certain hypersurfaces of an odd-dimensional unit sphere.

We assume in this section that the two tensor fields f_i^h and k_i^h of type $(1, 1)$ are anti-commutative, i.e.,

$$(2.1) \quad f_j^t k_i^h + k_j^t f_i^h = 0,$$

which is equivalent to

$$(2.2) \quad k_{jt} f_i^t - k_{it} f_j^t = 0,$$

since f_{ji} is skew-symmetric. Transvecting (2.2) with u^i , we obtain

$$(2.3) \quad -\lambda(k_{ji}v^t) - (k_{it}u^i)f_j^t = 0$$

and, transvecting (2.2) with v^i ,

$$(2.4) \quad \lambda(k_{ji}u^t) - (k_{it}v^i)f_j^t = 0.$$

Transvecting (2.3) with v^j , we have

$$-\lambda k_{ji}v^j v^i - \lambda k_{ji}u^j u^i = 0,$$

from which,

$$(2.5) \quad k_{ji}v^j v^i + k_{ji}u^j u^i = 0.$$

Next, changing indices in (2.3), we have

$$\lambda(k_{st}v^t) + (k_{it}u^i)f_s^t = 0$$

and, transvecting this with f_j^s ,

$$(1 - \lambda^2)k_{ji}u^i = (k_{ts}u^t u^s)u_j + (k_{ts}u^t v^s)v_j.$$

Similarly, using (2.4), we obtain

$$(1 - \lambda^2)k_{ji}v^i = (k_{ts}u^t v^s)u_j + (k_{ts}v^t v^s)v_j.$$

Thus, in M_1 , we can put

$$(2.6) \quad k_i^t u_t = \alpha u_i + \beta v_i,$$

$$(2.7) \quad k_i^t v_t = \beta u_i - \alpha v_i$$

because of (2.5), where α and β are functions defined in M_1 .

Differentiating (2.6) covariantly and using (1.8), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (\nabla_j k_i^t) u_t + k_i^t (f_{jt} - \lambda k_{ji}) \\ &= (\nabla_j \alpha) u_i + \alpha (f_{ji} - \lambda k_{ji}) + (\nabla_j \beta) v_i + \beta (-k_{jt} f_i^t + \lambda g_{ji}), \end{aligned}$$

from which, taking the skew-symmetric part with respect to j and i and taking account of equations (1. 5) of Codazzi and (2. 2),

$$(2.8) \quad (\nabla_j \alpha) u_i - (\nabla_i \alpha) u_j + (\nabla_j \beta) v_i - (\nabla_i \beta) v_j + 2\alpha f_{ji} = 0.$$

Transvecting this with $u^j v^i$, we find

$$(1 - \lambda^2) \{-v^i \nabla_i \alpha + u^i \nabla_i \beta - 2\alpha \lambda\} = 0,$$

from which,

$$(2.9) \quad v^i \nabla_i \alpha - u^i \nabla_i \beta + 2\alpha \lambda = 0.$$

Transvecting (2.8) with u^i , we obtain

$$(1 - \lambda^2) \nabla_j \alpha - (u^i \nabla_i \alpha) u_j - (u^i \nabla_i \beta) v_j + 2\alpha \lambda v_j = 0,$$

from which, using (2.9),

$$(2.10) \quad (1 - \lambda^2) \nabla_j \alpha = (u^i \nabla_i \alpha) u_j + (v^i \nabla_i \alpha) v_j.$$

Similarly, tranvecting (2.8) with v^i , we have

$$(2.11) \quad (1 - \lambda^2) \nabla_j \beta = (u^i \nabla_i \beta) u_j + (v^i \nabla_i \beta) v_j.$$

Thus, multiplying (2.8) by $(1 - \lambda^2)$ and using (2.10) and (2.11), we have

$$2\alpha(1 - \lambda^2) f_{ji} = (v^i \nabla_i \alpha - u^i \nabla_i \beta)(u_j v_i - u_i v_j).$$

Since the rank of f_{ji} is $2n-2$ in M_1 , we find, if $n > 1$,

$$(2.12) \quad \alpha = 0, \quad u^i \nabla_i \beta = 0.$$

Thus equations (2.6) and (2.7) become respectively

$$(2.13) \quad k_i^t u_t = \beta v_i, \quad k_i^t v_t = \beta u_i$$

and equations (2.11) become

$$(2.14) \quad (1 - \lambda^2) \nabla_j \beta = (v^i \nabla_i \beta) v_j.$$

Now, transvecting (2.2) with f_{hi}^t and taking account of (2.13), we obtain

$$k_{ts} f_i^t f_h^s + k_{ih} - \beta(u_i v_h + u_h v_i) = 0,$$

from which, transvecting with g^{ih} ,

$$g^{ji} k_{ji} = 0$$

in M_1 . Since M_1 is dense in M^{2n} , we have

PROPOSITION 2.1. *A hypersurface of a $(2n+1)$ -dimensional unit sphere, for*

which f_i^h and k_i^h anticommute, is minimal if $n > 1$.

If we now differentiate the second equation of (2.13) covariantly and take account of (1.8), we find

$$(\nabla_j k_i^t) v_t + k_i^t (-k_{js} f_i^s + \lambda g_{jt}) = (\nabla_j \beta) u_i + \beta (f_{ji} - \lambda k_{ji}),$$

from which, taking the skew-symmetric part with respect to j and i and taking account of (1.5) and (2.2),

$$(2.15) \quad (\nabla_j \beta) u_i - (\nabla_i \beta) u_j - 2 f_{ts} k_j^t k_i^s + 2 \beta f_{ji} = 0.$$

Transvecting this with u^i , we obtain

$$(1 - \lambda^2) \nabla_j \beta - (u^i \nabla_i \beta) u_j + 2 \beta^2 \lambda v_j + 2 \beta \lambda v_j = 0,$$

or, using (2.12),

$$(2.16) \quad (1 - \lambda^2) \nabla_j \beta = -2 \beta (\beta + 1) \lambda v_j.$$

Thus we see that, if β is constant in M_1 , then $\beta = 0$ or $\beta = -1$ in $M_0 \cap M_1$.

We now suppose that $\beta = 0$ or $\beta = -1$ at a point p belonging to $M_0 \cap M_1$. Then the equation (2.16) shows that all of successive covariant derivatives of β vanish at the point p , i.e., that

$$\nabla_i \beta = 0, \quad \nabla_j \nabla_i \beta = 0, \quad \nabla_k \nabla_j \nabla_i \beta = 0, \dots$$

hold at the point p . Thus, if M^{2n} is a real analytic submanifold, then $\beta = 0$ or $\beta = -1$ at every point of M_1 . Then we have

LEMMA 2.2. *If M^{2n} is a real analytic submanifold and $\beta = 0$ (resp. $\beta = -1$) at a point of $M_0 \cap M_1$, then $\beta = 0$ (resp. $\beta = -1$) holds at every point of M_1 , provided $n > 1$.*

From equations (1.4) of Gauss, we have

$$(2.17) \quad K_{ji} = (2n - 1) g_{ji} - k_{ji} k_i^t$$

by virtue of (2.15) and hence

$$(2.18) \quad k = 2n(2n - 1) - k_{ji} k^{ji},$$

where K_{ji} and k are respectively the Ricci tensor and the curvature scalar of M^{2n} . On the other hand, multiplying (2.15) by $(1 - \lambda^2)$ and using (2.16), we have

$$2\beta(\beta+1)\lambda(u_j v_i - u_i v_j) - 2(1-\lambda^2)f_{is}k_j^i k_i^s + 2\beta(1-\lambda^2)f_{ji} = 0,$$

from which, transvecting with f_h^i ,

$$(2.19) \quad (1-\lambda^2)k_{ii}k_h^i = \beta(\beta+1)(u_i u_h + v_i v_h) - \beta(1-\lambda^2)g_{ih},$$

from which,

$$(2.20) \quad k_{ji}k^{ji} = 2\beta(\beta-n+1).$$

We now consider the following equation:

$$(2.21) \quad K_{ji} = \frac{1}{2n} kg_{ji}$$

at a point p of $M_0 \cap M_1$. Then, from (2.17) and (2.18), we see that (2.21) is equivalent to the condition

$$(2.22) \quad k_{ji}k_i^j = cg_{ji},$$

c being a certain constant. Substituting (2.22) into (2.19), we find

$$(1-\lambda^2)(\beta+c)g_{ih} = \beta(\beta+1)(u_i u_h + v_i v_h),$$

which implies $\beta=0$ or $\beta=-1$ at the point p , provided $n>1$. Conversely, if we suppose that $\beta=0$ or $\beta=-1$ at a point p , then we have (2.21) at the point p , by virtue of (2.17), (2.18), (2.19) and (2.20). Thus we have

LEMMA 2.3. *The equation (2.21) holds at a point p of M_1 , provided $n>1$, if and only if $\beta=0$ or $\beta=-1$ at the point p .*

It has been proved in [3]

LEMMA 2.4. *Let M^{2n} ($n>1$) be complete, $\lambda \neq$ constant and $\lambda(1-\lambda^2) \neq 0$ almost everywhere in M^{2n} . If $\beta=0$ at every point of M_1 , then M^{2n} is a great sphere $S^{2n}(1)$ in the unit sphere $S^{2n+1}(1)$. If $\beta=-1$ at every point of M_1 , then M^{2n} is the product of two n -dimensional spheres $S^n(1/\sqrt{2})$ of radius $1/\sqrt{2}$.*

Therefore, from Lemmas 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4, we have

THEOREM. *Suppose that a complete orientable $2n$ -dimensional manifold M^{2n} is embedded in a $(2n+1)$ -dimensional unit sphere $S^{2n+1}(1)$, $\lambda(1-\lambda^2) \neq 0$ almost everywhere in M^{2n} and the structure tensor f_i^h and the second fundamental tensor k_i^h of M^{2n} anticommute. If M^{2n} is a real analytic hypersurface in $S^{2n+1}(1)$ and*

$$K_{ji} = \frac{1}{2n} kg_{ji}$$

holds at a point of M^{2n} at which $1-\lambda^2 \neq 0$, then M^{2n} is, provided $n>1$, either a great sphere $S^{2n}(1)$ of $S^{2n+1}(1)$ or the product of two n -dimensional spheres $S^n(1/\sqrt{2})$ of radius $1/\sqrt{2}$.

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